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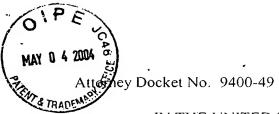
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In re: Maria Adamczyk et al.

Serial No.: 10/719,270 Group Art No.: 2661 Filed: November 21, 2003 Confirmation No.: 27

Filed: November 21, 2003 Confirmation No.: 2793

For: METHODS, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS, AND SYSTEMS FOR

MANAGING QUALITY OF SERVICE IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

FOR APPLICATIONS

May 4, 2004

Office of Patent Legal Administration Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE

Sir:

As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of November 21, 2003 rather than November 24, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of November 21, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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- 2. A true and accurate copy of the Express Mail Receipt along with a copy of the USPS-Track & Confirm from the web page (<u>www.usps.com</u>), showing "acceptance" or deposit date with the USPS at <u>5:36</u> p.m. on <u>November 21, 2003</u>; and
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This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of November 21, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

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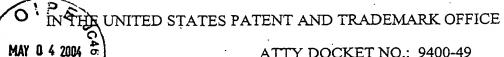
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Entitled: METHODS, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS, AND SYSTEMS FOR MANAGING QUALITY OF SERVICE IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK FOR APPLICATIONS
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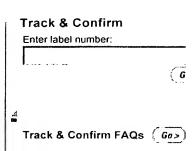


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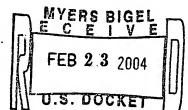
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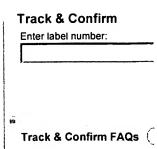
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